

STATE OF MARYLAND

\* IN THE DISTRICT COURT

VS.

\* FOR

TERANCE A. FALTER

\* ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Defendant

\* CRIMINAL NO: D-07-CR-21-60503

\* \* \* \* \*

**MOTION TO QUASH BENCH WARRANT**

Now comes, TERANCE A. FALTER, through Elizabeth W. Palan, Office of the Public Defender, requesting this Honorable Court quash the warrant issued on September 7, 2021 and for reasons avers:

1. The Defendant received a non-traffic must appear citation in the above case for September 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Annapolis District Court.
2. The docket reflects that the Defendant failed to appear for the September 7, 2021 pretrial hearing and a bench warrant was issued with the directive that the Commissioner establish bond upon service.
3. The Defendant appeared for his underlying matter in district court on September 7, 2021 and was forbidden entrance because of his refusal to answer the COVID questions administered by the bailiff's in order to enter the district court building.
4. The Defendant suffers from medical issues which are confidential and he felt the questions were not being administered fairly or uniformly. He did not refuse to wear facial coverings nor does he have an issue with that requirement.
5. Ultimately, he was advised if he returned to the courthouse he would be criminally charged with trespass. The failure to appear bench warrant ensued.

**12/01/2021**

**GRANTED**

  
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6. The Defendant appeared at prior court proceedings without incident and has no issues which would preclude him from appearing at a new hearing date, COVID related or otherwise.
7. The Office of the Public Defender will be entering its appearance on the defendant's behalf.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court strike the bench warrant and issue a summons for his appearance at a new hearing date on the next available date.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on November 29, 2021 a copy of the foregoing Petition to Quash Warrant was sent via e-filing to Office of the State's Attorney, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth W. Palan

